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LOSE ANOTHER FRIEND

Maxim Litvinov, the Russian diplomat who died this week, was one of the few Russian leaders who was friendly to the west. Litvinov was Russian foreign minister when Russia badly needed western help, and was thrown out when Stalin made his alliance with Hitler. In later years, U. S. Ambassador Bedell Smith managed to get in touch with him in Moscow and asked him if there was anything that western nations could do to bring about more friendly relations with Russia. He courageously replied that it was useless to make concessions, as the men now in control consider any concession an indication of weakness. Nothing further was heard about Litvinov until Wednesday when it was announced he had been dead for two days.